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LBJ Orders Review Of CIA Actions

Aid to Student Association Stirs Furor

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WASHINGTON — The uproar over disclosures that the central intelligence agency gave financial support to the nation's largest student group reached sensational proportions Wednesday as investigations were called for by President Johnson and both houses of congress.

Johnson ordered a "careful" executive department review into the whole question of CIA involvement in American education while the senate and house called for investigations of the CIA's involvement in the National Student association.

Johnson's order, announced by Undersecretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach, called for a wide-ranging review to be directed by Katzenbach with the help of John Gardner, secretary of health, education and welfare, and Richard Helms, director of the CIA.

Katzenbach's statement reaffirmed Johnson's belief that the integrity and independence of the educational community "must be preserved."

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It went on to say that Johnson had directed the three-man team to "formulate a policy which will provide necessary guidance for govern-

ment agencies in their relationship to the international activities of American educational organizations."

"At the same time," the statement continued, "the president recognizes the great needs of America's private organizations to participate in the world community. Other countries provide substantial subsidy for such activities."

Katzenbach's statement, issued by a department spokesman, followed on the heels of a proposal by Sen. Eugene McCarthy, D-Minn., that a special senate committee be created to investigate CIA involvement in U. S. education and other domestic fields.

Earlier in the day, Rep. Carl Perkins, D-Ky., chairman of the house education and labor committee, announced plans for an investigation by his committee of the CIA's relationship to the National Student association.

McCarthy, a leading congressional critic of the CIA whose proposal for a full-scale investigation of the agency's activities was defeated in the last congress, proposed a select committee of seven or eight members.

He charged at a news conference that the CIA's role as an intelligence-gathering agency for the government has been "confused" and that it appears to have become "an operating arm" of the state department both at home and abroad.

He said the committee should look into possible CIA involvement in other student groups, philanthropic foundations, labor organizations and the publishing and broadcasting industry.

He also gave newsmen their first hint of CIA reaction to the uproar when he said Helms had contacted him to discuss the situation. Asked what Helms' reaction was, McCarthy replied, "He is unhappy."

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